(b) if so, the details of intelligence reports received by the Government on the anti-national activities of SIMI;

(c) whether the members of SIMI have any links with the terrorists groups in Afghanistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir. The Union Government have banned SIMI under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

(b) The reports received revealed that the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) has been found indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony and disrupting the secular fabric of the society. In view of this SIMI was declared as Unlawful association under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. In terms of Sub-Section (1) of Section 5 of the aforesaid Act, Government have constituted Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not their is sufficient cause for declaring SIMI as Unlawful association. The matter is before the Tribunal for a decision.

(c) and (d) No links of members of SIMI with the terrorist groups of Afghanistan have been established so far. However, during their speeches in Ikhwan Confereces some of the SIMI leaders eulogized and glorified Pan Islamic terrorists and fundamentalists like Osama Bin Laden.

Banning of Terrorist outfits

349. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has banned terrorist outfits Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Toiba and Hizbul-Majahideen to fight against terrorism;

(b) if so, when it was declared; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Toiba and Hizbul-Mujahideen have been declared as 'terrorist organisation' on 24.10.2001, under Section 18 of the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 (No. 9 of 2001).

News-Item "capital's high 'n' mighty figure on cocaine peddler client list"

350. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 28th August, 2001, under the heading "capital's high 'n' mighty figures on cocaine peddler's client list";

(b) if so, what are the names of such persons found involved therein; and

(c) whether any one of them have been apprehended and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Niraj Vadera is the only person amongst the suspect clients connected with the case who was caught red-handed while receiving a consignment of cocaine and, therefore, arrested.